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Eleventh Meeting

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Held at Headquarters, New York, on Wednesday, 21 February 2007, at 3 p.m.

Chairperson: Mr. Badji. . . . . (Senegal)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

Election, in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended, of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (*continued*) (CRC/SP/38 and Add.1 and 2)

1. **The Chairperson** said that, since only seven candidates had obtained the required majority, a second ballot, restricted to the four candidates who at the previous meeting had obtained the largest number of votes without having obtained the required majority, would be held to fill the remaining two vacancies, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention (CRC/SP/5).

2. *At the invitation of the Chairperson, Ms. Artiga (El Salvador), Ms. Kaljuläte (Estonia), Ms. Dambajav (Mongolia), and Ms. Jolle (Norway) continued to act as tellers.*

3. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	182
Number of valid ballots:	182
Number of members voting:	182
Required majority:	92
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Agnes Akosua Aidoo (Ghana)	90
Ms. Maria Herczog (Hungary)	86
Ms. Lidija Topic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	81
Ms. Marta Maurás Pérez (Chile)	79

4. **The Chairperson** said that, since none of the candidates had obtained the required majority, a third ballot, restricted to the same four candidates, would be held to fill the remaining two vacancies on the Committee, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure.

5. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	179
Number of valid ballots:	179
Number of members voting:	179
Required majority:	90
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Agnes Akosua Aidoo (Ghana)	100
Ms. Maria Herczog (Hungary)	85
Ms. Lidija Topic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	77
Ms. Marta Maurás Pérez (Chile)	66

6. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Akosua Aidoo (Ghana) was elected a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.*

7. **The Chairperson** said that, since only one candidate had obtained the required majority, a fourth ballot, restricted to the two candidates who had obtained the next largest number of votes, would be held to fill the remaining vacancy on the Committee, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure.

8. **Mr. Cabral** (Guinea-Bissau), speaking on a point of order, asked whether the vote was open to other eligible candidates after the third ballot.

9. **The Chairperson** said that, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, the vote would be open to other eligible candidates only if the third restricted ballot — which was the vote about to be taken — was inconclusive.

10. *A vote was taken by secret ballot.*

Number of ballot papers:	177
Number of valid ballots:	177
Number of abstentions:	4
Number of members voting:	173
Required majority:	87
Number of votes obtained:	
Ms. Maria Herczog (Hungary)	101
Ms. Lidija Topic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	72

11. *Having obtained the required majority, Ms. Herczog (Hungary) was elected a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.*

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12. **The Chairperson** declared the Eleventh Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child closed.

The meeting rose at 5.40 p.m.